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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

BILLSTEIN ET AL.

Examiner: Hui, San Ming R

APPLICATION NO: 10/702,688

FILED: NOVEMBER 6, 2003

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINATIONS AND THEIR USE IN
TREATING GASTROINTESTINAL AND ABDOMINAL VISCERA
DISORDERS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 9, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 9, 2007. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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